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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN VANCOUVER PORT WORSENS

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1. BY SPREADING THEIR PICKETING FROM NATIONAL HARBORS BORAD (NHB) OFFICES TO THE NHB DOCKS THEMSELVES, STRIKING NHB EMPLOYEES (REFTTEL) HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THE IMPACT OF THEIR WALKOUT. UP TO 800 LONGSHOREMEN NORMALLY SERVICING THE THREE NHB FACILITIES ARE NOT CROSSING THE PICKET LINES AND THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A DEFINITE SHIFT OF BOTH INCOMING AND OUTGOING CONTAINER TRAFFIC TO WASHINGTON STATE PORTS.

2. BULK EXPORTS (LUMBER, GRAIN, ETC.) ARE STILL NOT AFFECTED. NEITHER ARE THE OPERATIONS OF THE FRASER RIVER DOCKS, WHICH DO NOT COME UNDER THE NHB'S JURISDICTION. HOWEVER, THE CONTAINER FACILITIES THERE ARE REPORTEDLY OPERATING AT CAPACITY AND NOT ABLE TO HELP STANCH THE SHIFT TO SEATTLE AND TACOMA.

3. COMMENT: APPROXIMATELY 10 - 12 PERCENT BY VOLUME OF VANCOUVER PORT'S TRADE PASSES THROUGH THE NHB FACILITIES.  
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BY VALUE, THE PERCENT IS MUCH HIGHER. ALONG WITH SOME GENERAL CARGO, THE NHB FACILITIES NORMALLY PROCESS 7,000 CONTAINERS PER MONTH. ASSUMING SEATTLE CAN HANDLE THE DIVERTED TRAFFIC, THE RISK OF SOME PERMANENT SHIFT OBVIOUSLY EXISTS - PARTICULARLY FOR HIGHER VALUE CARGOES WHICH CAN BEAR THE ADDED LAND FREIGHT BURDEN.  
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